(vii) hike in the admissible cost of construction under Indira Awas Yojna and accelerating the pace of work under the scheme;

(viii) Coverage of all development blocks under the Employment Assurance Scheme within one year;

(ix) sanction of new Sugar factories along with enhancement of capacity of certain Sugar factories;

(x) completion of the ongoing Mau-Shahganj railway line;

(xi) provision of safe drinking water; and

(xii) opening of primary schools, primary health services in unserved habitations and provision of roads for unconnected villages.

(b) to (d) Many of the announcements relate to acceleration/augmentation of the ongoing schemes such as Indira Awas Yojna and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Project. Under the Indira Awas Yojna, for example, existing provisions amount to Rs. 470 crores and another Rs. 150 crores is proposed to be provided in consultation with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Rural Affairs and Employment. A similar amount additionally has been proposed for provision of safe drinking water. Further, additional Central assistance of Rs. 28 crores would be given for the Primary Health Centres. Unconnected villages will be provided with all weather roads through additional funds from the Employment Assurance Scheme over and above the provision of 188 crores already made in the State budget. The Central assistance has also been assured for some other schemes/projects. The additional Central assistance will be made available through appropriations and overall savings.

Drug Pricing Policy

*536. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been invited to a news-item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated April, 12, 1996 captioned 'Drug Pricing Policy in shambles';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the norms by which the administrative ministry are fixing the prices of drugs;

(d) whether the Ministry are following the recommendations of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices in this regard;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the corrective measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item alleges that recommendations of BICP with reference to prices of bulk drugs and formulations are not being accepted by the Department and that prices are being fixed on extraneous considerations and are also being delayed.

(c) The prices are fixed under the provisions of DPCO'95 and in accordance with the established procedures of costing.

(d) and (e) Normally the recommendations of BICP are followed. Delays in notifying the prices so recommended are sometimes caused if the matter is sub-judice or interpretation of policy is involved.

(f) Corrective measures taken in this regard include expeditious resolution of interpretation of policy matters as and when they arise.

[Translation]

Purchase of Concrete Sleepers

*537. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) the number of concrete sleepers purchased by the Railways during the last three years, year-wise and company-wise;

(b) whether the Government have directed sleeper production units to stop their production;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time involved between placing the orders for purchase of concrete sleepers and their supply along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The details are as per statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Railway normally places order for manufacture and supply of concrete sleepers on various existing sleeper manufacturing units before completion of the previous order. The firm normally starts manufacture and supply of concrete sleeper immediately after placement of the order as infrastructure for manufacture and supply of additional quantity is already available with the factory. The time involved between placing of order and supply depends upon the capacity of each factory.

STATEMENT

(Figures in thousands)

Rly		Name of the firm	93-94	94-95	95-96
1		2	3	4	5
CR	1.	M/s Indian Hume Pipe Co. Ltd., Karari	130	91	87
	2.	M/s Prestress (India) Pvt. Ltd. Warora	176	126	124
	3.	M/s Keprecon Sleeper Works Pvt. Ltd., Butibori	235	111	182
	4.	M/s Engineers Prestressed Structures Pvt. Ltd., Banmore	108	109	77
	5.	M/s. Stresscrete Pvt. Ltd., Budni	141	117	115
	6.	M/s BEMCO Sleepers Pvt. Ltd., Nandgaon	26	26	33
	7.	M/s Khem Chand, Ghosalpur	74	65	64
	8.	M/s Marathwada Prestress Pvt. Ltd., Borgaon	41	51	47
	9.	M/s Concrete India, Lonavala	88	86	72
	10.	M/s Engineers Prestressed Structures (Antri Unit) Pvt. Ltd.	103	117	56
	11.	M/s Shree Keshana Concrete Products (P) Ltd., Bareth	83	57	50
	12.	M/s BEMCO Sleepers Pvt. Ltd., Khandwa	27	21	20
		SUBTOTAL	**1232**	**977**	**927**
ER	1.	M/s Daya Engg. Works Ltd., Manpur	219	100	116
	2.	M/s Daya Engg. Works (Sleeper) Ltd., Manpur	138	52	136
	3.	M/s Prestressed Udyog (India) Pvt. Ltd., Chhota Ambona	100	51	97
	4.	M/s Tantia Concrete Products (P) Ltd., Pannagarh	149	88	104
	5.	M/s Tankrete India Pvt. Ltd., Rampurhat	4	12	0
	6.	M/s MUVA Industries (P) Ltd., Jagdishpur	75	27	82
	7.	M/s Stresscon. (Ind) Pvt. Ltd., Chamagram	40	69	51
		SUBTOTAL	**725**	**399**	**586**
NR	1.	M/s Hindustan Prefab Ltd., Jangpura, New Delhi	171	158	75
	2.	M/s Jay Prestressed Products Ltd., Kosikalan	143	85	97
	3.	M/s Track Innovations (India) Pvt. Ltd., Chandigarh	110	54	22
	4.	M/s Arvind Constn. Co. Ltd., Marwar Chapri	162	180	174
	5.	M/s Daya Engg. Works (Sleeper) Ltd., Degana	168	154	113
	6.	M/s Ashi Pvt. Ltd., Rewari	39	57	63
		SUBTOTAL	**793**	**688**	**544**
NER	1.	M/s Annavaram Concrete Pvt. Ltd., Burhwal	99	75	81
	2.	M/s Natraj Engineers (P) Ltd., Sarai	101	148	74
	3.	M/s CCI Prestress Ties (P) Ltd., Clutterbuckganj	0	49	48
		SUBTOTAL	**200**	**272**	**203**
NFR	1.	M/s P.C.M. Cement Concrete Pvt. Ltd., New Jalpaiguri	37	74	98
	2.	M/s Daya Engg. Works, Mirza	54	47	75
	3.	M/s. Allied Engg. Enterprise, Badarpur	0	9	32
	4.	M/s Prestressed Udyog (Assam) Pvt. Ltd., New Bongaigaon	0	36	73
	5.	M/s. Arunoday Const. Co. (P) Ltd., Jagi Road	52	105	125
		SUBTOTAL	**143**	**271**	**403**

1		2	3	4	5
SR	1.	M/s. Concrete Products & Const. Co., Ambattur	130	131	132
	2.	M/s Kottukulam Engg. Pvt. Ltd., Bommidi	95	163	85
	3.	M/s Concrete Products & Const. Co., Tiruvalam	123	149	106
	4.	M/s KEK Prestressed Concrete Ltd., Palghat	64	—	—
	5.	M/s Malu Sleepers (P) Ltd, Birul Jn.	65	143	129
	6.	M/s Nellai Concrete Products & Const. Co., Gangaikondan	35	102	105
	7.	M/s Sri Maruthi Builders, Yeshwantapur	23	100	110
		SUBTOTAL	**535**	**788**	**667**
SCR	1.	M/s Mysore Structurals Ltd., Hafeezpet	210	145	35
	2.	M/s The Concrete Products & Const. Co., Kondapalli	129	126	108
	3.	M/s Rayalseema Concrete Sleepers (P) Ltd., Timmancharela	162	146	89
	4.	M/s Raghavendra Prestress Products Ltd., Mantralayam Rd.	183	155	126
	5.	M/s Coromandel Concrete Products Ltd., Kovvur	91	83	67
	6.	M/s Lakshmi Prestress Concrete Works, Hasanparti Rd	45	58	47
	7.	M/s V.S. Engineering Pvt. Ltd., Nallapadu	93	33	73
	8.	M/s Mahadev Industries, Hospet	88	151	111
		SUBTOTAL	**1001**	**897**	**656**
SER	1.	M/s Orissa Concrete Products (P) Ltd., Jharsuguda	152	153	119
	2.	M/s Orissa Concrete & Allied Industries, Raipur	232	202	95
	3.	M/s Vijay Prestressed Products (P) Ltd., Pendurti	125	117	91
	4.	M/s DEW Concrete Ties (P) Ltd., Dalbhumgarh	81	67	105
	5.	M/s ISCO Track Sleeper Pvt. Ltd.	210	40	106
	6.	M/s Rayalseema Concrete Sleepers (P) Ltd., Kargi Road	85	106	98
	7.	M/s Nilgiri Sleepers Pvt. Ltd., Nilgiri Road	87	82	90
	8.	M/s Prestressed Udyog (India) Pvt. Ltd., Chandil	66	48	20
	9.	M/s Mazda Concrete Products Ltd., Kaipadar Road	36	38	27
	10.	M/s Daya Concrete Pvt. Ltd., Dalbhumgarh	67	68	68
	11.	M/s United Vabs., Dongargarh	64	78	88
	12.	M/s Gannon Dunkerley & Co., Rayagada	12	43	52
	13.	M/s Sahuwala Cylinders Ltd., Garudabilli	62	7	0
		SUBTOTAL	**1279**	**1049**	**959**
WR	1.	M/s Usha Prestressed Sleeper Udyog (Piplod), Godhra	96	98	62
	2.	M/s Manibhai Bros. (Sleeper), Kharsalia	122	138	101
	3.	M/s S. Subramanyam & Co., Kharsalia	102	95	74
	4.	M/s Vaman Prestressing Co. Ltd., Panvel	165	135	150
	5.	M/s Tankrete (India) 'P' Ltd., Udvada	6	8	29
	6.	M/s Donypolo Udyog (P) Ltd., Shamgarh	133	95	115
	7.	M/s Rural Engg. Co. (P) Ltd., Shambhupura	37	96	72
		SUBTOTAL	**661**	**665**	**603**
		GRAND TOTAL	**6569**	**6006**	**5548**